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COMMUNITY

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THE EAGLE POST — Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Around the area

WEDNESDAY

The Oak Grove Tourism Commission board of directors will meet at noon on Wednesday at Valor Hall.

Fort Campbell ACAP, located at Building 5661, Screaming Eagle Blvd, Fort Campbell is hosting multiple compa-

nies that are hiring on May 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Wednesday, Xerox of Nashville will be recruiting for local customer service representatives. State Farm Insurance will be recruiting for nationwide insurance and financial agency candidates with the potential to own you own agency. AWL Transportation will be recruiting drivers for local, regional and over-the-road hauls. The Tennessee Department of Corrections will be recruiting for correctional officers, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, food service and administrative personnel for across the state. Impact Recon will be recruiting for nationwide maintenance and equipment reliability positions. Visit Impact Recon at www.impactrecon.com/jobs to see their list of jobs.

THURSDAY

Fort Campbell ACAP, located at Building 5661, Screaming Eagle Blvd, Fort Campbell is hosting multiple companies that are hiring on May 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Thursday, Avion Solutions will be recruiting Avionics and CH-47 Chinook personnel and ARINC LLC will be recruiting per-

sonnel who have experience with Item Unique Identification (IUID). Visit To view all of ACAP's upcoming classes and Employer Day events, visit us at www.facebook.com/FortCampbellACAP or call 270-798-5000.

The City of Oak Grove budget committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday at City Hall.

Pembroke Elementary School will have its fifth-grade graduation program at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the Pembroke Ruritan Community Center gymnasium.

FRIDAY

Pembroke Elementary School will have field day for grades kindergarten through 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MONDAY

South Christian Elementary School will have its kindergarten graduation at 1 p.m. on Monday at the school.

The 4-H Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday at the Colleen R. Ochs Municipal Library at the Oak Grove Community Center. For information, call 270-640-6557.

Pembroke Elementary School will have its kindergarten celebration at 6 p.m. on Monday at the Pembroke Ruritan Community Center gymnasium.

There will be a Project Graduation parents' planning meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday at the Christian County High School library.

TUESDAY

South Christian Elementary School will have its fifth-grade graduation at 8:30 a.m. n Tuesday at the school.

Pembroke Elementary School will host a talent show at 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the school gymnasium.

The Oak Grove City Council will meet in regular session at 6:30

p.m. on Tuesday at City Hall.

UPCOMING

Christian County Public Schools will have its high school graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, May 16. The ceremony for Hopkinsville High School will begin at 5 p.m., while the ceremony for Christian County High School will begin at 8:30 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held at the Stadium of Champions on the Eagle Way bypass.

There will be a benefit auction and singing for Tim Dunlavey on May 19 at 13741 Palmyra Road in Hernndon. There will be a silent auction with hot dog or pork chop sandwich plates being served at 5 p.m., and Southern Grace will sing at 6 p.m. Plates are \$5 each. For more information, call 270-439-4155.

The Pembroke Elementary School Site-Based Decision-Making

Council will meet at 4 p.m. on Monday at the school.

ONGOING

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs regional office in Hopkinsville is open from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd., near the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West. Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information, call Hope King, field representative for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, at 270-889-6105.

To submit an item to the Eagle Post community calendar, please include who, what, where and when, along with a daytime phone number. Items may also be faxed to 270-439-5142 or e-mailed to editor@theeaglepost.us.

THIS WEEK AT THE OGCC

The Oak Grove Community Center is located at 1705 Thompsonville Lane (Ky. Highway 911) and can be reached at 270-640-6557. Visit the OGCC page on Facebook.

Here is a look at this week's schedule at the OGCC:

Wednesday (Closed to general public): Bootcamp PT, 10-11 a.m., \$5 per person.

Thursday (Open 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.): Arms and Abs, 9-10 a.m.; Zumba, 10-11 a.m., 5:30-6:30 p.m.; yoga, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; open gym, 1-4:30 p.m.; Zumba, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; soccer, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday (Open 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.): Core Fusion, 9-10 a.m.; Spin 45, 10-11 a.m.; open gym, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 6:30-10 p.m.; Crazy Couponing, noon-2 p.m.; Butts

and Guts, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Zumba, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturday (Open 8:30 a.m.-noon): Spin 9-10 a.m.; personal training available Saturdays and Sundays upon request; call 270-640-6557 for information.

Monday (Open 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.): Butts and Guts, 9-10 a.m.; Zumba, 10-11 a.m., 5:30-6:30 p.m.; open gym, 2-4:30 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; 4-H Club, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Zumba, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday (Open 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.): Body Blast, 9-10 a.m.; Spin 45, 10-11 a.m.; CraftShare, 11 a.m.-noon; Come Play with Me, noon-1 p.m. (call ahead, 270-640-6557); open gym, 2-4:30 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; ballet/tap, 4:15-5 p.m.; Zumba, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL MENUS

Following are the lunch menus for Christian County Public Schools for the week of May 10-16:

Elementary schools

Thursday, May 10: Manager's choice, box lunch, chef salad, fresh fruit, canned fruit, assorted juice, milk.

Friday, May 11: Manager's choice, box lunch, chef salad, fresh fruit, canned fruit, assorted juice, milk.

Tuesday, May 15: Manager's choice, box lunch, chef salad, fresh fruit, canned fruit, assorted juice, milk.

Wednesday, May 16: No school (Graduation Day).

Middle schools

Thursday, May 10: Manager's choice, box lunch, chef salad, fresh fruit, canned fruit, assorted juice, milk.

Friday, May 11: Manager's choice, box lunch, chef salad, fresh fruit, canned fruit, assorted juice, milk.

Monday, May 14: Man-

ager's choice, box lunch, chef salad, fresh fruit, canned fruit, assorted juice, milk.

Tuesday, May 15: Manager's choice, box lunch, chef salad, fresh fruit, canned fruit, assorted juice, milk.

Wednesday, May 16: No school (Graduation Day).

High schools

Thursday, May 10: Manager's choice, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, chef salad, box lunch, fresh fruit, canned fruit, milk, assorted juice.

Friday, May 11: Manager's choice, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, chef salad, box lunch, fresh fruit, canned fruit, milk, assorted juice.

Monday, May 14: Manager's choice, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, chef salad, box lunch, fresh fruit, canned fruit, milk, assorted juice.

Tuesday, May 15: Manager's choice, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza, chef salad, box lunch, fresh fruit, canned fruit, milk, assorted juice.

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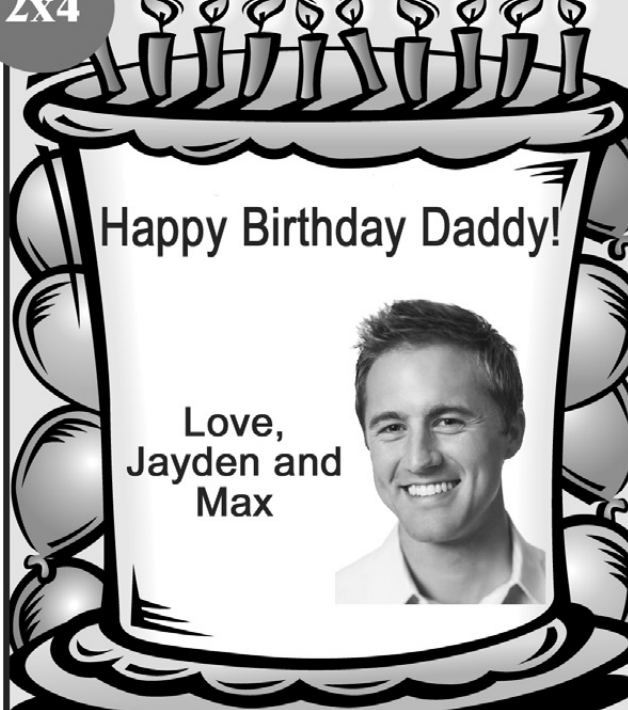
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Work on Kelly LGMD festival saucer continues

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

At a site known only to flying saucer mechanics and members of the Little Green Men Days festival committee, a project is under way that will further enhance the second annual celebration of an event that put the Christian County community of Kelly on the map.

The second annual Little Green Men Days festival will take place Aug. 17-18 at the community located eight miles north of Hopkinsville on U.S. Highway 41. The celebration marks the anniversary of the sighting of an unidentified flying object and its occupants by Kelly residents Elmer

“Lucky” Sutton, Billy Ray Taylor and the Sutton and Lankford families on Aug. 21, 1955.

To that end, the festival committee chaired by Joann Smithey is building a 38-foot-wide replica of what may have been seen that night in Kelly. Festival committee members will build on the frame, which was built by Porta Grace of Hopkinsville.

Some of the construction is quite sophisticated. The effects promise to be entertaining and stunning — or, in a manner of speaking, out of this world.

“Jerry Holt is building an electronic synchronization unit,” said Frank Brown at the site on Saturday, “and we’re

synchronizing the lights with the sound effects. When a certain sound effect comes on, the amber lights will go on, and when a different sound effect comes on, the white lights will come on.

“We’ve had some really good visionaries helping to participate with this. What they’ve been able to come up with blows my mind! When it’s all said and done, I think it’s going to be awesome, with the sound effects and lights.”

The committee plans to permanently place the flying saucer in the area of the festival.

The festival is a product of the Kelly Community Organization, which plans to use pro-

ceeds from the festival to build a community center and educational facility to benefit area residents. The group will next meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Kelly Baptist Church fellowship hall.

The festival will have a new website up and running on June 1.

Those wanting to volunteer to work with the festival or wanting to sponsor the festival or participate as a vendor should contact Smithey at 270-881-8843.

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Working on the bubble dome that will fit atop the Kelly Little Green Men Days’ official flying saucer are (L-R) Jonathon Tidd, festival chair Joann Smithey and Frank Brown of the Kelly Community Organization.

Did You Know..?

The first UFO sighting in the United States came in 1639, when a UFO was spotted over the Charles River in Boston, Mass.

OGPD issues April report

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

The Oak Grove Police Department released its activity report for the month of April, and for the first time this year, the number of monthly activities is less than the same month last year.

The OGPD reported 1,532 activities last month, compared to 1,618 in April 2011. By comparison, there were 1,792 activities reported in March 2012, compared to 925 activities in March 2011; 1,696 activities in February 2012, compared to 1,020 ac-

tivities in February 2011; and 2,008 activities in January 2012, compared to 815 activities in January 2011.

The number of activities in April 2012 fell 14.5 percent from the previous month. The greatest decrease came in service calls, with 357 being made in April, down 20.3 percent from March. The number of moving violations also fell to 172, down 15.3 percent from March.

Officer assists increased in April over the previous month, with 297 being made in April compared to 238 in March, an increase of 24.8 percent.

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Powell to visit post

May proclaimed Military Appreciation Month

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

Former Secretary of State and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell will come to Fort Campbell on May 30.

The retired general will sign copies of his latest book, "It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership" at the AAFES post exchange from noon to 3 p.m. The book, co-written with Tony Koltz, is the third

penned by Powell.

Powell served as the commander of the 2nd Brigade at Fort Campbell from 1976 to 1977 after being promoted to the rank of brigadier general. Other books written by Powell include "In His Own Words: Colin Powell" (1995) and "My Ameri-



Powell

can Journey" (2003).

Pete Miraldi announced Powell's visit as the chair of the protocol update committee of the Christian County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee on Wednesday at the MAC meeting.

Also at the MAC meeting, Oak Grove Mayor Dan Potter and Hopkinsville City Council member Charlie Henderson read a proclamation signed by Potter, Hopkinsville Mayor

Dan Kemp and Christian County Judge-Executive Steve Tribble naming May as Military Appreciation Month.

They were joined by Col. Perry C. Clark, the garrison commander for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Herndon, the garrison command sergeant major of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Other events at the MAC meeting included: nSasha Stone announced an Operation Left Turn planning summit to be held on May 16 at Pennyryle Electric. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will focus on strategies for promoting the area as a place for military members and families to live.

nMAC chair Mark Stevens announced that the following members had been nominated for election as members of the committee's advisory board: Jack Smith, vice chair; Lela Hale, events chair; Craig Mor-



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Hopkinsville City Council member Charlie Henderson (left) and Oak Grove Mayor Dan Potter read the proclamation naming May as Military Appreciation Month.

ton, fundraising chair. nMelissa Schaffner of MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) announced that the week of May 7-11 was Military Spouses Appreciation Week, and that MWR had a weeklong slate of events for spouses to enjoy.

nStevens announced that Garland Nissan was sponsoring a Military Appreciation Day

at Tie-Breaker Family Aquatic Center on June 16 for military families to enjoy the water park. The next regular meeting of the Military Affairs Committee will be at 11:30 a.m. on June 6.

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▲ Dash

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website at www.christiancountychamber.com. "This is a fundraiser

for Military Affairs," said MAC director Kensley McLellan. "All of the proceeds will go to Military Affairs so that we can do all of the events that give back to Fort Campbell. So, in a way, you're giving to Fort Campbell by doing this. This will help support Salute Week, any hail-and-farewells that we do on post, the Rakkasan reception — all of those things that we do for family members to show our support."

Those adopting a duck will be placed on a listing with that person's name and the identity number of the duck that person adopted. The one who adopts the winning duck will receive a \$1,000 cash grand prize, courtesy of Garland Nissan. The top five winners will win prizes as well. Winners do not have to be present to win.

McLellan said that people can adopt a duck in the name of a charity or organization and donate any winnings to that organization.

Culligan Water of Hopkinsville is providing the ducks for the dash. Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation is also an event sponsor.



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Military Affairs Committee director Kensley McLellan dons appropriate headwear to announce the Rubber Ducky Dash at the April MAC meeting.

Chamber of Commerce staff members will be helping people adopt ducks during the Little River Days festival on May 17 and 18 and the morning of May 19. Although rainy weather is said to be good for ducks, McLellan said that if it rains, the race will be postponed by a week and held at Tie-Breaker Family Aquatic Center.

For more information about the Military Appreciation Rubber Ducky Dash, visit the Chamber of Commerce website or call McLellan at 270-885-9096.

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Herndon VFD receives \$2,500 Monsanto grant

By DAVID SNOW

The Eagle Post

The Herndon Volunteer Fire Department was awarded a \$2,500 grant through the Monsanto company. It was the only entity in Christian County to be awarded the grant this year.

The grant was awarded through the America's Farmers Grow Communities fund, which awarded more than \$4.1 million in grants nationwide.

"The farmers in the counties that Monsanto sells farm chemicals in nominate organizations for this grant," said HVFD Chief Neil Farmer. "The winners are hand-picked, kind of a luck of the draw."

According to the letter announcing the Herndon fire department's grant, the purpose of the grant is "to help farmers positively impact their communities and support local organizations" such as the HVFD.

Farmer said the department would use the grant to purchase safety equipment and turnout gear.



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Herndon Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Bryan Warman (left) and Chief Neil Farmer hold up the grant check for \$2,500 presented to the department on March 13 by the Monsanto company.

"Tommy Noel is the local farmer who nominated us," Farmer said. "He wanted to do this because of what we do for the community."

"He supports us during dry seasons with tractors and disks for field fires."

The check was presented to the department by a Monsanto representative on March 13.

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Burke

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he said. "From then on out, it's hell."

David Wilburn, Tracy Burke's father, said she was an "excellent daughter" and a "fantastic mom."

The last person to take the stand for the prosecution was Tracy Burke's son, Matthew Pete. He said he thinks about his mother all the time.

Defense attorneys called to the stand acquaintances, friends and work relations of Brent Burke who said they would help Burke if he was ever released from prison.

Corp. Craig Temple oversaw Burke while he was in jail and said he was a good inmate, never showed any "negative feelings" and was calm and forgiving. While in jail, Burke was injured and placed into an observation cell, Temple testified. The injury caused Burke to re-

ceive stitches to the back of his head.

Another witness, Capt. John Mayo, said that he and Burke were "good friends" and he knows him as well as a family member.

Burke's mother testified that her home community and church would support Burke if he was paroled. Burke would often help out with the local church and once helped lay sandbags during a flood, she said.

Under military law, the mandatory sentence for murder is life in prison. It was up to the jury to decide whether or not the sentence would include the possibility of parole.

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Chevy Runs Deep

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Experience is a great teacher; its lessons will last a lifetime

As the years go by, I reminisce not so much on what happened in recent years, but rather those events that occurred as a child and young man.

Every event that happened is locked somewhere in my mind ready to be reintroduced to my consciousness. Sometimes that reintroduction triggers images complete with 3D frames. That special Christmas way back when, feelings toward a special girlfriend, driving the car solo for the first time, all the special events that can project your feelings forward to now. It's all still there somewhere, the brain never drops data. It's a computer in a sense ... if it doesn't recall it then you have punched the wrong button or your database is a little limited ... if you know what I mean. We all think about past events, many times laughing out loud at the memory.

On the other end of the spectrum, there are those feelings of remorse over an event that happened; that to this day you are not so proud of.

Maybe it was harsh words with your parents or the rotten way you embarrassed your cute little girl friend because all your friends thought it was funny at the time.

When I was a kid everyone had a Daisy BB gun. I lived on a remote street and everything around me was woods, deep woods.

One day, I was walking alone in these woods and came upon a pine tree that was about 5-foot tall, as I recall. I noticed a big Hoot owl perched on a limb with its back to me.

As a 9-year-old child, my plan was simple. I snuck up on the owl and grabbed it. Even now, my brain screams at me, "wrong move." That thing turned me every which way but loose before I finally got away. Whoever would have thought such a beautiful creature could do so much damage.

As I trudged home sniffing with pain from the scratch marks and whole pieces of meat missing, I gritted my teeth and made an oath to get even with the owl world.

The next day, after dressing my wounds, I went to the corner of the room where my pride and joy rested. I



MAYOR DAN POTTER

took some BBs, inserted them in gun and pumped it up until I thought the handle would break. I was armed and ready for owl. At school that day, I was consumed with the idea of getting even with that old owl. I was going to give it a hard taste of reality. I wanted to hurt that owl in the same manner as it had me. Mercy and forgiveness was not in my vocabulary.

After school, I grabbed my trusty Daisy and went to what would become the crime scene. Sure enough Mister Hoot himself was perched in the same tree and seemed to be napping.

I carefully aimed and pulled the trigger. The owl fluttered a few times and fell out of the tree. While he was on the ground fluttering and scratching with his eyes open, reality hit me. I had shot an innocent owl that only served to benefit me with an enhancement of nature. What had I done?

I felt so sad and brokenhearted as I watched Mister Hoot fluttering. I raised the Daisy one more time, firing to end the suffering I had carelessly caused and just stood there and cried.

I went home and got a shoe box with some paper inside. I carefully laid the owl in it and put the lid on, tying a big bow around the box.

After selecting a beautiful site near that old pine tree, I buried him and said a few words of regret. I placed a marker on his grave made out of a Campbell's Soup tin can and some ribbon. On it I wrote, "Rest in Peace Mister Owl, I am sorry for what I have done." I never told anyone about Mister Hoot. I was too ashamed.

We all have regrets and have things we certainly cannot change. I wish I could change history and pretend I did not shoot Mister Hoot, but the fact is I did.

The manner of life we live is based mostly on events, understandings, and commitments that are made. Throughout our lives, we are patiently taught through experiences; without remorse and forgiveness life would not be worth living.

So, go out into the woods, find a hoot owl, and tell him how much you appreciate his services to humanity. But please, do not mention my name ... owls have long memories concerning the passing of loved ones.



Census challenge

Count our soldiers here

The 2010 U.S. Census form sent to every American residential address began with these instructions: "Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time." That sounds simple enough, unless a member of your household was a soldier serving in Iraq or Afghanistan for several months.

Should a Fort Campbell soldier who is deployed overseas be counted in the census as a member of this community, where his or her family may reside, or in the place listed as a hometown at the time the soldier enlisted?

Local officials have argued for years that they should count as residents of Christian County if they live on the Kentucky side of the state border. We agree. The same argument applies to soldiers living on the Tennessee side; they should count as residents of Montgomery County. Under current census rules, service members often are counted as residents of a town in which they have not resided for years.

Census results determine whether local governments qualify for certain federal grants and can affect a national retailer's decision to locate in a community. The population determined by the census also affects the new geographic boundaries for

congressional and state legislative districts every 10 years.

Members of Kentucky's congressional delegation recently introduced legislation that would ensure that service members are counted in the location of their current duty station. Sen. Rand Paul and Rep. Ed Whitfield, both Republicans, are among the sponsors.

The Service Members and Community Act of 2012 addresses a problem that's worried local officials for several years.

In 2007, for example, the city of Hopkinsville and others successfully challenged a Census Bureau population estimate for the city and county. Using new utility hook-up records and other data, census officials adjusted Hopkinsville's estimated population from 27,415 to 31,500 and the county's population from 66,989 to 78,459. Two years later, the Hopkinsville mayor and several other local officials participated in a meeting that resembled a pep rally to encourage local residents to complete their census forms.

It makes sense to count service members at the location of their current U.S. installation. This legislation will ensure greater accuracy in the census.

— Kentucky New Era



7-day, 700-mile bike ride will mean much for a child

The old comedy routines of Bill Cosby that deal with his adult children can often hit home. Our version usually deals with 33-year-old son John Mark, who lives in St. Augustine, Fla., with his wife and four children.

With him, you could always expect the unexpected. He wasn't one who would accept any kind of dare, but he always liked a new challenge. We learned that after watching him wrestle through high school and then wrestle four years at the collegiate level. He'd still find a way to wrestle competitively for awhile after college, but in more recent years the activity has turned to less combative events. There have been half marathons, full marathons, half triathlons and full Ironman triathlon (2.4 mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride, 26.2 mile run) events.

Now, his adventure this week is not competitive, but is still a pretty grueling challenge He's on a "Ride for Adoption" to help friends raise money to complete the adoption of a child from Nicaragua. He's one of three riders on a seven-day, 700-mile bicycle ride from Nashville, Tenn., to Daytona Beach, Fla. The ride started Sunday, and they made it from Nashville to Huntsville, Ala. Our son wrote this about the ride on his blog: "This bike ride stands for much more than a cross-country ride. It shows us that when God is active and people are willing to step out in faith, the seemingly impossible things can become a reality."

"None of us were naturally in God's family. By His amazing grace, He called us into His family. When we support adoption we are picturing the Gospel! Children who were once without a father are now called into a family and called son and daughter."

Of course the ultimate goal is that "through this life changing bike ride one child's life will be changed forever."

Can't argue with that.

Conservative vs. liberal

This newspaper's editorial voice is consistently conservative — quite contrary to many of our major metro counterparts. We need to make that clear as you evaluate which side of the fence you fall on. Here's a great test to make that determination.

If a conservative doesn't like guns, he doesn't buy one. If a liberal doesn't like guns, he wants all guns outlawed.

If a conservative is a vegetarian, she doesn't eat meat. If a liberal is a vegetarian, she wants all meat products banned for everyone.

If a conservative is homosexual, he quietly leads his life. If a liberal is homosexual, he demands legislated respect.

If a conservative is down-and-out, she thinks about how to better her situation. A liberal wonders who is going to take care of her.

If a conservative doesn't like a talk show host, he switches channels. Liberals demand that those they don't like be shut down.

If a conservative is a non-believer, she doesn't go to church. A liberal non-believer wants any mention of God and religion silenced.

If a conservative decides he needs health care, he goes about shopping for it, or may choose a job that provides it. A liberal demands that the rest of us pay for his.

If a conservative sees this, he'll share it with friends so they can have a good laugh. A liberal will tear up the paper and claim to be "offended."

Turning to humor...

A friend found these in a 2005 North Carolina Farm Bureau magazine ...

■ A freshly minted preacher was to perform his first funeral in a nearby town but got lost on the way. Finally, arriving at the cemetery, the frazzled preacher stopped by a concrete vault to discover the lid was already in place.

Undeterred, the young man conducted a touching service to send the dearly departed out in style.

While walking back to his car he overheard a workman remark, "I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years. Ain't never seen anything like that."

■ Looking through a photo album with her grandmother, a little girl remarked how some clothing styles like bell bottom pants and platform shoes had come back in style years later.

"Yes, sweetie," the grandmother replied, "that's why I've held on to your grandfather all these years. I keep thinking sooner or later he'll come back in style, too."

■ A small town businessman, who thought more of his own singing voice than others, tried out for the community choir. Denied a lead singing part, he stormed toward the director and informed him that his singing voice was so important he had insured it against injury.

The musical director replied flatly, "So what did you do with the money?"

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A convict managed to escape from prison and his escape was the lead item on the 6 o'clock news.

So not to be captured, he ran through fields and traveled through back roads until he reached his wife's house.

When he reached the house, he rang the bell, his wife opened the door and screamed, "You lousy bum! Where have you been? You escaped more than six hours ago!"



CHIP HUTCHESON
Chips Off
The Old Block

Extension office to have summer events for kids

The Christian County Extension office announced a couple of summertime activities for area students to enjoy.

The Extension office will sponsor the 14th annual Take Kids Fishing Day on Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at Jeffers Bend on Little River at Metcalf Lane in Hopkinsville. The event is for children age 3 to 15.

The pre-registration fees are \$2 per child and adult before May 23, and the registration fee is \$3 per child and adult on May 26. The fee includes a hot dog, chips and bottled water for lunch. Registration forms are available at the Aaron McNeil Center, Pennyriple Resource Conservation and Development, the Boys and Girls Club, Hopkinsville Water and Electric Authority, Hopkinsville Elec-

tric Service, Hopkinsville Family YMCA, the Hopkinsville Housing Authority, the Hopkinsville Recreation Department, Woodland Heights Apartments and the Christian County Extension office.

The event is co-sponsored by the North Fork Little River Committee, Pennyriple RC&D and the Jeffers Bend Environmental Center and Botanical Gardens Board.

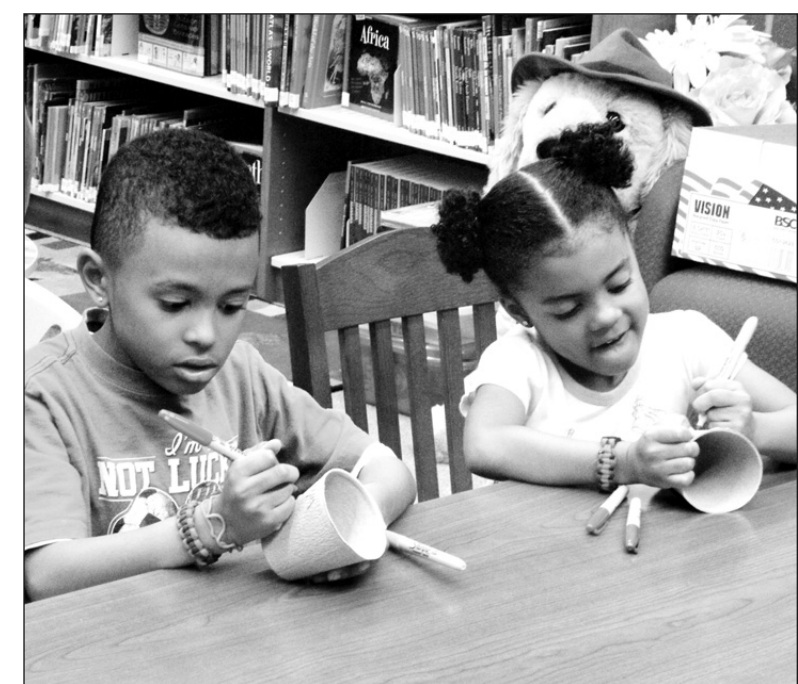
The Extension office is also hosting a 4-H camp June 19-22 at West Kentucky Camp in Dawson Springs. The camp is open to students age 9 to 14, and the cost is \$160 with a \$25 down-payment to reserve a spot. Applications can be obtained at the Extension office at 2850 Pembroke Road in Hopkinsville, and the deadline to register is May 25.

The Extension office is also accepting applications for camp counselors age 16 to 18.

“Campers get to sign up for four different classes a day,” said Patrick Allen, the 4-H youth development agent at the Christian County Extension office. “Those classes include horseback riding, shooting sports, rock-climbing wall, zip lines, nature classes, swimming, recreation and canoeing and fishing and lots of other activities.”

For more information about the camp, call Allen or Mia Farrell at the Christian County Extension office at 270-886-6328.

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Isaiah Abrigo (left) and Isabel Abrigo decorate their biodegradable pots for planting beans in at the 4-H Club meeting on Monday at the Colleen R. Ochs Municipal Library at the Oak Grove Community Center. The club meets there at 4:30 p.m. on Mondays.

PES has SBDMC elections

Elementary schools schedule year-end ceremonies



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Fourth-graders earning all-year academic honors at Pembroke Elementary School are (L-R) Gabe Hellums, All-Year Principals List, and Eric Boisselle Lanie Brumfield, Bethany Burnham, Caleb Gates, Austen Gurnan, Bryce Hanson, Danae Richards and Sarah Ridenhour, who were all named to the All-Year Honor Roll.

By DAVID SNOW
The Eagle Post

Pembroke Elementary School's Site-Based Decision-Making Council held its election for parent representatives at the school on Monday, completing the process for the council that will serve the 2012-13 school year.

Elected as parent representatives were Tammy Binkley and Tammy Hellums. Teacher representatives that were elected earlier were third-grade teacher Jennifer Jatczak, fourth-grade teacher Cory Marquess and second-grade teacher Jessica Meri-

wether. PES principal Matt Boehman chairs the council, which will take office on June 30. The final meeting for the 2011-12 council will be at 4 p.m. on May 20 at the school.

The PES Parent-Teacher Organization will hold its officer elections at a later date.

For more information about the PES Site-Based Decision-Making Council or its PTO, call the school at 270-887-7290.

Upcoming programs for Pembroke Elementary School include:

- Fifth-grade program, Thursday, 6 p.m., Pembroke Ruritan Community Center.
- Kindergarten celebration,

Monday, 6 p.m., Pembroke Ruritan Community Center.

- Talent Show, Tuesday, 1 p.m., PES gymnasium.

South Christian Elementary School will also have some year-end programs. The students will enjoy field days beginning Thursday, in which students get to play games and enjoy being outdoors.

Other SCES events include:

- Kindergarten graduation will be Monday at 1 p.m.
- Fifth-grade graduation will be Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

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NIelsen TV RATINGS

(Week of April 30-May 6)

1. "NCIS"	17.58 million
2. "American Idol"	16.66 million
3. "Dancing With the Stars"	16.2 million
4. "American Idol"	15.56 million
5. "NCIS: Los Angeles"	15.21 million
6. "The Big Bang Theory"	13.91 million
7. "Dancing With the Stars Results"	13.87 million
8. "Person of Interest"	13.27 million
9. "The Mentalist"	12.94 million
10. "60 Minutes"	11.73 million
11. "Criminal Minds"	11.47 million
12. "Two and a Half Men"	11.32 million
13. "Castle"	11.08 million
14. "Hawaii Five-0"	10.91 million
15. "Unforgettable"	10.66 million
16. "Blue Bloods"	10.36 million
17. "Mike & Molly"	10.16 million
18. "Modern Family"	10.06 million
19. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation"	9.75 million
20. "The Voice"	9.52 million

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Long

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ficer (first degree), a Class B felony. He was also charged with resisting arrest, a Class A misdemeanor, and disorderly conduct (second

degree), a Class B misdemeanor.

According to the report, police officers saw a shotgun behind Long lying at his feet. It fur-

ther states that the weapon that Long was going for was a Glock .23, which was on a chair by the front door in plain view.

Police also found several other pistols with magazines in them lying around the living room.

Long was released from Christian County Jail on May 2 on a \$25,000 bond.

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subsequent search. It contends that some of the materials obtained in the raid, such as incense and the glass pipes, which can also be used for smoking tobacco, were not being sold for drug purposes and should be returned to Anderson. The \$446 seized by police should also be returned, the suit says.

The plaintiffs allege that during the raid at The ToyBox, Lingenfelter and his fellow officers prevented Jessica Long, the store's manager, from conferring with legal counsel even after her attorney arrived on the scene. Long is listed as a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit.

The officers are also accused of exceeding the scope of their search warrant, seizing non-drug inventory, display cases and money that was not related to synthetic drugs. In the suit, the plaintiffs ask for the return of all unlawfully seized items.

The plaintiffs are being represented by Hopkinsville attorney David Rye and Long & Herbison, a Clarksville, Tenn., law practice. They are asking for compensatory and punitive damages in the case.

Dan Kemp hadn't learned of the lawsuit until he was contacted by the New Era. He expressed support for HPD.

"I would be very surprised if HPD did anything outside the bounds of the law," Kemp said.

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Trigg merchants request cash for signs

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

CADIZ, Ky. — Several Trigg County business owners attended Monday's Trigg Fiscal Court meeting and requested money to maintain five signs around western Kentucky that direct motorists to Cadiz.

The Cadiz Merchants Association, which currently pays for the signs, submitted a letter to the court emphasizing the importance of the signs to the local tourism industry. The letter was endorsed by 74 local businesses.

Seven businesses in the merchants association currently pay for the signs. One sign sits along Interstate 24, just after Exit 1, and costs the businesses \$8,400 per year to maintain. The other four are smaller state signs and cost \$1,600 altogether per year to maintain.

Jim Manning, owner of the Blue Heron in Cadiz and a member of the merchants association, said the businesses pay a monthly fee for maintaining the signs and only have

enough money to cover them through June 10. The Cadiz-Trigg County Tourist and Convention Commission contribute \$1,000 per year for the signs.

Manning also requested funding for signs from Cadiz City Council during its May 1 meeting. He suggested the city and county might fund the signs jointly. The council took no action on the matter, though Cadiz Mayor Lyn Bailey expressed support for maintaining the signs.

Trigg Judge-Executive Stan Humphries also supported keeping the signs and assigned the matter to the court's budget committee. He also asked that a meeting be scheduled between the city and county to discuss funding for the signs.

Humphries questioned whether the city or county should be responsible for maintaining the signs. With their impact on local tourism, he discussed making the local tourism commission or economic development commission responsible for them.

Bill Stevens, executive director of

Trigg County's tourism commission, said that while they provide some funding for the signs, it wouldn't be feasible for the commission to fund them entirely. He said the commission is funded totally taxes on local motels, cottages and cabins.

Stevens said those revenues have been down in the past few years. While he thinks they would be able to keep paying their \$1,000 share for the signs, he is hoping for the city or county to pay for the rest.

In other business:

■ Magistrate Richard Nelson discussed the theft of road signs in the Roaring Spring and Caledonia areas. Nelson said Trigg County Sheriff Ray Burnam plans on installing cameras at areas that see a lot of thefts.

■ The court approved the second reading of its budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The county's overall budget amount is more than \$6 million.

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Clarise McCants (center), a Howard University political science major from Philadelphia, flanked by Sen. Sherrod Brown (left), D-Ohio, and Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and accompanied by students, speaks Tuesday during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.

GOP blocks Senate debate on Dem student loan bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans blocked a Democratic bill Tuesday to preserve low interest rates for millions of college students' loans, as the two parties engaged in election-year choreography aimed at showing each is the better protector of families in today's rugged economy.

The 52-45 vote to begin debating the legislation fell eight votes short of the 60 needed to proceed and stalled work on an effort both parties expect will ultimately produce a compromise, probably soon. For now, each side is happy to use the stalemate to snipe at the other with campaign-ready talking points while they are gridlocked over how to cover the \$6 billion cost.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the vote showed that despite GOP claims that they support preventing an increase in student loan rates, "Republicans showed today that it's only talk."

He also noted that the likely GOP presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, supports a temporary extension of today's low rates and needled, "I suggest he pick up the phone and call Senator McConnell."

That was a reference to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who said the battle is a phony one manufactured by Democrats to woo votes from students. Both parties say they want to extend low interest rates.

"The Senate has ceased to be a place where problems are resolved. It's become instead a place where Democrats produce campaign material," McConnell said.

The vote was nearly party-line, with Reid voting "no" to give himself the procedural ability to demand another vote once a compromise is reached. Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, who is retiring after citing excessive partisanship in Washington, voted "present."

The Democratic bill would keep interest rates for subsidized Stafford loans at 3.4 percent for an additional year, rather than doubling automatically for new loans starting July 1. It would have no impact on current loans.

A 2007 law approved by a Democratic Congress gradually lowered the rates but pops them back up to 6.8 percent in July because lawmakers were worried about costs.

Redistricting leads to many ugly GOP vs. GOP races

LAKE MARY, Fla. (AP) — Community and business leaders in affluent Seminole County talked about the promise of jobs and economic development from the new 61-mile commuter rail through Orlando. They praised the man who pushed hard for the \$1.3 billion project and many others: Republican Rep. John Mica of Florida.

A few feet away, Mica quietly rattled off a list of roads, trails and highways he helped ensure during his 20 years in Congress, including the past year and a half as the powerful chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He boasted about using his seniority to help his constituents.

"I'm not embarrassed about anything I've done" the 69-year-old Mica said firmly.

He should be, suggests a rival, first-term Republican Rep. Sandy Adams, a former deputy sheriff and state lawmaker whose tea

party-juiced campaign propelled her to Washington in 2010. A proud member of the hard-charging, 87-member GOP freshmen class, Adams argues that the big-time spending of longtime lawmakers like Mica contributed to the nation's skyrocketing debt and this year's estimated \$1.2 trillion budget deficit.

In a recent fundraising appeal, she referred to Mica without naming him as "the personification of all that went wrong with our Republican majority."

"I believe he may have went there (Washington) with the best intentions, but over the years, based on some of his actions, he has become part of the prob-

lem, no longer part of the solution," Adams, 55, said in a recent interview.

"It's one of those contests for the heart and soul of the Republican Party."

Buddy Dyer
Mayor of Orlando, Fla.

This is the 2012 House version of GOP fratricide, a mean, bare-knuckle fight between two Republican lawmakers who ended up in the same central Florida district because of the census-driven decennial redrawing of state political maps.

Adams said Mica promised he wouldn't run against her in the newly reconfigured 7th Congressional District; he insists there was never a deal. Both carry district maps and readily show the color-coded territory, claiming that large chunks of geography already belonged to them.

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Sounds like the story of horse trainer Larry Jones, doesn't it?

It certainly describes Jones' rise to fame, from his first races with entry-level claiming horses to his first Derby entry, Hard Spun, in 2007.

But there's another success story involving a Hopkinsville man and thoroughbreds.

Heard of Liam Durbin?

He was 14 years old when he began following horses as a race fan with his father at Ellis Park. He learned to read a Daily Racing Form, the bible of horseracing, and began to parlay his love of mathematics and betting with a genuine horseracing fascination.

Durbin is the other big shot from Hopkinsville in horseracing circles. He's one of the best known handicappers in the business. Like Jones, he came to fame the old-fashioned way. Hard work and passion. Then more hard work.

As Durbin explained to New Era Community Editor Monica Smith at Churchill Downs last weekend, he wrote a computer program in 1998 to analyze thoroughbreds and predict their performances in races. Thanks to the popularity of the Internet, and the emergence of social media and smartphones, Durbin built a following for his handicapping skills. His work has been featured in USA Today and several metropolitan dailies, including Louisville's Courier-Journal. His website, e-Ponies.com, has thousands of pages views a day.

Durbin makes his living as an information executive for Block Communications, which owns the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Toledo Blade. He lives in Pittsburgh. Before creating e-Ponies, he served in the Navy for 12 years.

There really aren't many overnight success stories. Success usually follows years of hard work and a singular passion for something. That's the lesson. Good work, Liam Durbin.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, May 9**, the 130th day of 2012. There are 236 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut in pieces, with each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "JOIN, or DIE."

In 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television

programming as a "vast wasteland."

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.

In 1982, the musical "Nine," inspired by the Fellini film "8½," opened on Broadway.

In 1987, 183 people were killed when a New York-bound Polish jetliner crashed while attempting an emergency return to Warsaw.

Ten years ago: Following the ex-

ample set by Illinois, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening suspended all executions in his state while a study was done on whether the death penalty was being meted out in a racially discriminatory way. (The state-funded study was released days before Glendening, a Democrat, left office in January 2003; it found that statistically, black defendants who killed whites were the most likely to be charged with capital murder and sentenced to death. Glendening's Republican successor, Robert Ehrlich, lifted the death

penalty moratorium.)

Five years ago: Pope Benedict XVI began his first trip to Latin America as he arrived in Brazil.

One year ago: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced on social networking websites that he was running for the Republican presidential nomination. Dallas Wiens, the nation's first full-face transplant recipient, joined surgeons at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in his first public appearance since the 15-hour procedure in March 2011.



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Make sure your voice is heard on council's smoking-ban vote

The Editor, New Era,
In a recent editorial the Kentucky New Era urged its Hopkinsville readers to contact their representatives on the city council to vote in favor of a smoking ban in all public places, including bars and restaurants. They made it sound as if all of our troubles would go away if this ordinance was passed. Our prestige in the state would be enhanced; people would look to move their businesses here and in the long run people would thank the city council for their insight and courage. All of this would be accomplished simply by taking away the rights of business owners to make business decisions that the Mayor and some on the council disagree with.

The KNE also published a list of all council members, and their e-mail addresses, to encourage people to let council members know that they were in favor of the ban.

I sent an e-mail to all council members to voice my opposition to the

ban. In that e-mail I pointed out that the majority of restaurants had already made the decision to ban smoking, and those that hadn't knew both the benefits and consequences of not doing so.

I also questioned the reasoning of jumping off the bridge (figuratively speaking) just because everyone else (those larger cities) had. To date two council members have acknowledged my e-mail and have both taken the position that they would vote according to which group sent the most e-mails. I was disappointed in this response. I had hoped that our council members would see the logic in maintaining a system that was already working.

Since that does not seem to be the case, I encourage those who feel similar to me, to e-mail your council members to vote against the smoking ban.

The e-mail addresses of the city council members are available at www.hopkinsvilleky.us.

Robert E. Carter
Hopkinsville, Ky.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest. The only thing that could spoil a day was people, and if you could keep from making engagements, each day had no limits. People were always the limiters of happiness, except for the very few that were as good as spring itself."

From "A Moveable Feast"

Ernest Hemingway's memoir of his years in Paris



COLUMNIST

Noisy nation often helpful

News that Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng and his family might be allowed to leave China for a university fellowship in the U.S. brought relief not only to Chen, but also to dissidents around the world.

It also may have put a smidjeon of crow in the mouths of critics who perhaps protested too much too soon.

Then again, maybe not. The outcry over how the State Department initially handled Chen's dramatic escape from house arrest to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing ultimately may have helped persuade Chinese officials to concede to amped-up pressures from the U.S. Whatever the case, the Obama administration and, in particular, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton seem to have prevailed under difficult circumstances.

If all goes according to plan, they not only may have saved Chen's life but also will have invigorated the spirits and convictions of others around the world who still look to the U.S. as a beacon of freedom and protector of human rights. This result, assuming no further glitches, was not always apparent, least of all to Chen and his family.

Until his harrowing escape several days ago, Chen's plight was relatively unknown to most Americans, though a handful of people have been working for years to free this man known simply as a "Chinese dissident."

The words Chinese dissident don't resonate much in the U.S., where dissidence is a national pastime and China, despite its role as our banker, is — over there. Furthermore, protesters are just so much landscape in this country — an azalea here, a protester there. We consider political activism to be not just a birthright but a necessary prod to elected officialdom.

Chen's dissidence was both dangerous and of the highest moral order. Despite years in prison and regular beatings, he persisted in documenting forced abortion under China's one-child policy. Although blind, Chen was unable to avert his gaze from the abomination of women being forced to submit to abortions even in the latest term of their pregnancies. Sometimes only the blind can see.

And sometimes nations prefer not to look. While in China last year, Vice President Joe Biden rather famously said he understood China's one-child policy and wouldn't "second-guess" it.

Our reasoning, to the extent any share Biden's view, deserves closer scrutiny. Perhaps we feel it is none of our business. And, of course, China has a population problem, doesn't it? As Biden said, "You're in a position where one wage earner will be taking care of four retired people. Not sustainable."

A dozen inhumane "solutions" suggest themselves unbidden. I once asked a pro-life activist what China's remedy should be and she said: "I don't know, but I know we can do better than tearing babies from their mother's wombs."

China's central government insists that the one-child policy is no longer enforced, but in the provincial regions, things happen. We know this because of Chen's relentless bravery. But, really, why should we care? On "Morning Joe" Friday, regular guest Donny Deutsch said that Chen's plight has little relevance to everyday Americans. Others on the panel lambasted Mitt Romney for criticizing the Obama administration's handling of the situation.

Harsh political critiques are probably best reserved for less sensitive moments. On the other hand, what we do know about the State Department's handling of Chen's detention, escape and subsequent hospitalization — where he reportedly was abandoned by all but Chinese guards — is troubling. It appeared either that we were naive or that our leaders lacked moral clarity.

U.S. officials contended that Chen left the embassy of his own volition to seek medical treatment, but Chen said his decision was based on incomplete information. He told CNN that, after he escaped, his wife was tied to a chair in their home for two days. Guards carrying sticks moved into their house and threatened to beat her to death.

As the BBC's Michael Bristow wrote from Beijing, "Mr. Chen came out of the U.S. Embassy thinking his safety had been assured — but it is hard to escape the conclusion that he is already in detention."

Matters were complicated, obviously, by the then-pending U.S.-China summit. Apparently, discussions to which reporters and others were not privy have led to a satisfactory diplomatic solution.

As to whether Chen's plight should be the concern of everyday Americans, the answer is clear: Americans are noisy for all the right reasons, and the cacophony of protest from our shores to theirs can't have hurt. Americans should care what happens to Chen because, if not us, then who?

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Amy Dye memorial installed at South Todd Elementary

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

A memorial for Amy Dye, a 9-year-old girl who was murdered in Todd County in 2011, was installed at South Todd Elementary School on Monday. The memorial is a stone bench with the dates of Amy's birth and death etched on it. It also includes a picture of Amy, who attended the school.

Amy's body was found Feb. 5, 2011, near her Todd County home after she was reported missing Feb. 4. Her adoptive brother, Garrett Dye, 18, pleaded guilty in October to beating her to death. He was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Amy had spoken of several incidents of abuse from her adoptive family, including from Garrett and his older brother. At least eight reports were made to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding the abuse. Measures weren't taken to remove Amy from the home largely because the reports concerned sibling-on-sibling abuse rather than parental abuse.

Mike Taylor, a retired dump truck driver who lives in Todd County, organized funding for the monument after learning

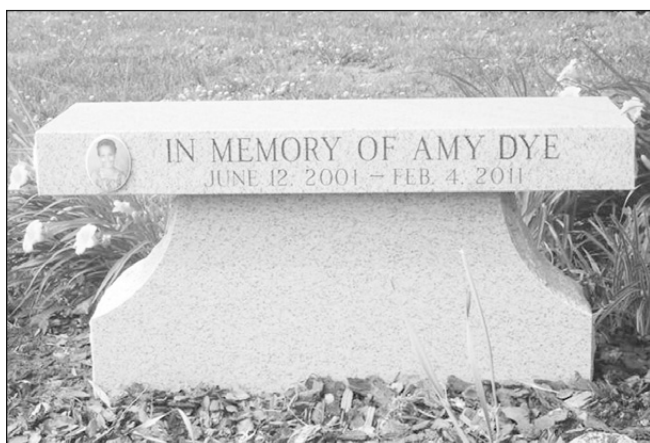


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of Amy's case. The monument cost \$1,700, which Taylor raised through a December fundraiser and private donations.

Taylor is also starting an organization called "Help is on the Way" to help abused children. Taylor plans to organize fundraising events and donations to fund the group. The first fundraiser will be June 2.

"That money is going to go if the children need food, medicine or to get out of the environment they are in," Taylor told the New Era in November. "We are going to help them or try to get them help."

Camille Dillingham, principal at South Todd Elementary, knew Amy and said it was difficult for the

school to cope with her death. She appreciates Taylor's donation of the monument.

"It has been a very emotional, trying time," Dillingham said. "I think it was a very nice gesture on Mr. Taylor's part."

Taylor hopes the monument will force the community to think more about abused children.

"I just want the kids to understand that there is help out there and for the community not to let this happen again," Taylor said. "Not to let another one slip through the system. This should have never happened."

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Lugar loses; NC passes gay marriage ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six-term Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar was routed by the right flank of his own Republican Party on Tuesday, and North Carolina voters decided overwhelmingly to strengthen their state's gay marriage ban. It was a double-barreled show of conservative enthusiasm and strength six months before the nation chooses between Democratic President Barack Obama and GOP rival Mitt Romney.

Romney swept three Republican primaries, moving ever closer to sealing his nomination in an otherwise sharply polarized environment.

"We are experiencing deep political divisions in our society right now. These divisions have stalemated progress in critical areas," Lugar, a Capitol Hill diplomat and a deal-maker, said as he conceded to the tea party-backed GOP opponent who ended his nearly four-decade career in the Senate. Lugar's foe, state Treasurer Richard Mourdock, had painted the Republican senator as too moderate for the conservative state.

North Carolinians voted to amend their state constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman, effectively outlawing gay unions through a ballot measure pursued by the right.

Also Tuesday, Democrats overwhelmingly picked Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett to challenge Republican Wisconsin

Gov. Scott Walker in a June recall election. The primary outcome set up a re-match; Barrett lost to Walker in 2010.

The highly charged and hard-fought contests overshadowed Romney's continued progress toward the GOP presidential nomination. He won the Republican presidential primaries in Indiana, North Carolina and West Virginia on Tuesday, drawing close to the 1,144 delegates he needs to clinch the nomination. He won at least 59 delegates, with 37 still undecided. He had 915 delegates, 229 shy of what he needs to become the formal nominee.

Even Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, was essentially ignoring the primaries. He spent the day campaigning in Michigan, where he castigated Obama as an "old-school liberal" whose policies would take the country backward. And Romney didn't weigh in on the primary outcomes or Lugar's defeat.

The results of Tuesday's far-flung voting gave clues about the state of the electorate — and illustrated the political minefields facing both Republican and Democratic candidates — with the presidential contest well under way. The results were a warning to incumbents.

They also highlighted tea party enthusiasm. And, in one state at least, they indicated that wedge issues are still a force even with an electorate focused on economic concerns.

Gas price likely won't set record this summer

NEW YORK (AP) — Gasoline prices likely won't set any records this summer, thanks to a recent drop in the price of oil.

The government on Tuesday slashed its forecast for average gas prices to \$3.79 per gallon for the summer driving season.

That's down from an initial estimate of \$3.95 and below 2008's record average of \$3.80. The Energy Information Administration's revised forecast is encouraging news for the economy. Some economists blame high pump prices for so-so consumer spending this year. They were also seen as a factor in the loss of 35,000 retail jobs in February and March.

Gasoline prices soared 20 percent from January to early April. A few analysts warned drivers they could pay as much as \$5 this summer, eclipsing the 2008 record of \$4.11 per gallon.

Not anymore. The price of benchmark crude has dropped about \$8 per barrel since early April. Retail gas prices have followed, falling 17 cents since reaching \$3.936 on April 5.

"It's almost like a tax cut," said Jared Bernstein, a senior fellow Center for Budget and Policy Priorities. EIA's prediction means that motorists will spend about \$10.7 billion less on gasoline than previously anticipated.

Last year, drivers paid an average of \$3.71 per gallon

from April to September, a period the government considers the peak driving season.

Gasoline will likely become less of a campaign issue. Republican presidential candidates hammered at President Obama as prices jumped this year, even though presidents have little sway over pump prices. If gasoline gets even cheaper, experts think it will likely get knocked from the top tier of campaign issues.

"To not have gas prices nipping at your heels in an election is obviously favorable to the incumbent," said Bernstein, who was formerly an economic adviser to Vice President Joe Biden.

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Man reevaluates 30-year friendship

DEAR AMY: I am a 50-year-old gay man in a long-term relationship and we have a son.

We have crisscrossed the country several times for my partner's job and I like keeping in touch with long-distance friends and family.

I've always been the primary initiator of communication. I understand that people get used to a certain dynamic. With two close friends in particular, I would call at least once every two to three weeks and get together several times a year during our travels.

Two and a half years ago I was in the hospital with a serious illness and even then I kept up correspondence with those people I care about. But I also started to realize that these two closest friends didn't "take up the slack" and initiate communication with me.

Once I was home and recovered from my illness I decided to take a "wait and watch" attitude and to my disappointment, these two friends who I always considered to be my closest friends never made contact; not a phone call, not an email, not a Facebook post or check in of any kind.

Now, two years later, they have yet to make contact with me. It is baffling to me.

There was no fight or disagreement and I realize that maybe these friendships of 30 years have simply run their course. Maybe my illness was too close to home for them and

they didn't like facing our mortality?

Should I suck it up and find out what is up? —

MISSING: I think you have diagnosed this issue correctly when you say that people simply become accustomed to a certain dynamic. Your friends have been lazily receiving your friendship and never reciprocating. If they have dropped you out of a fear of their own mortality, they are cowardly and unkind.

However, because you miss them, the next time you plan to visit their area, you should make an effort to see them. By seeing them in person you may decide that you still want to be in touch with them. You may also decide that your considerable positive energy is more appropriately pointed toward other people.

You have absolutely nothing to lose by asking them why they have dropped you off their radar screens. An honest, human moment of connection should be revealing.

DEAR AMY: "Fed Up" was frustrated when people contacted him/her through Facebook and then never followed up. I opted out of Facebook when the site went into my email account and sent out "friend requests" without my knowledge.

Maybe this is why your reader didn't hear back — the "friend" probably didn't even know their request had been sent out. — Faithful Reader

DEAR READER: This is a definite possibility.

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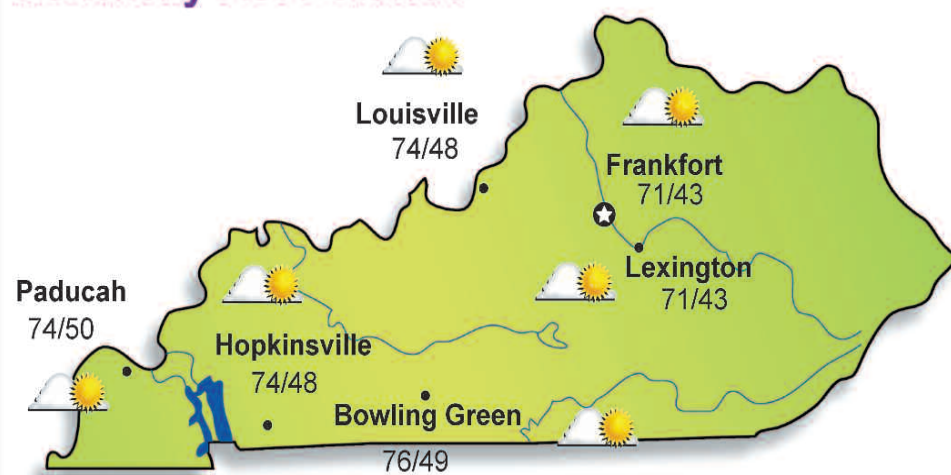
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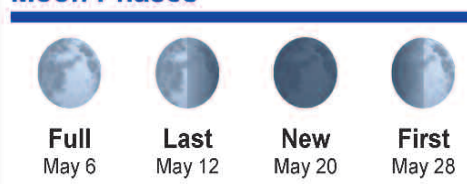
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Covington	70	45	mst sunny	Louisville	74	48	pt sunny	Pikeville	76	51	rain
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Elizabethtown	72	45	pt sunny	Middlesboro	77	48	rain	Russell Springs	73	45	pt sunny
Evansville, IN	73	47	pt sunny	Morehead	72	43	pt sunny	Somerset	73	45	cloudy
Frankfort	71	43	pt sunny	Mount Vernon	72	45	pt sunny	Winchester	72	44	pt sunny

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Chicago	56	43	pt sunny	Miami	85	73	mst sunny	Seattle	56	39	pt sunny
Dallas	82	57	mst sunny	Minneapolis	67	48	mst sunny	St. Louis	70	51	mst sunny
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FEATURES

FCHS seniors receive academic, athletic honors

By DAVID SNOW
The Eagle Post

Fort Campbell High School seniors received scholarship and academic honors at its annual honors night, held Wednesday in the school's commons area.

Among the highlights of the evening, Student Council president Jenna Ammerman received a Presidential Scholarship from Eastern Kentucky University, worth a total of \$14,000 over four years, and Tamarah Webb received the Outstanding Senior Award.

Fort Campbell students earned a total of \$747,600 in scholarship monies. Students receiving scholarships at the FCHS honors night included:

Jenna Ammerman, \$14,000 (over four years), Eastern Kentucky University Presidential Scholarship; \$500 Heritage Bank Scholarship; \$200 United Southern Bank U.S. Savings Bond Award.

Curtice Barrow, \$30,000 (over three years), Hampton University Scholarship; \$1,597, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship; \$1,000, Officers' Spouses Club Scholarship; \$500, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Scholarship.

Treyce Brock, \$500, Campbell Crossing Scholarship; \$250, Officers' Spouses Club Scholarship.

Cassidy Busbin, \$8,000, Army Reserve Enlistment.

Cody Busbin, \$12,000, Army Reserve Enlistment.

Joshua Clifton, \$12,000 (over four years), Embry-Riddle University Scholar.

Taylor Duplessis, \$6,000, University of Kentucky scholarship.

Maggie Gayler, \$1,500, Officers' Spouses Club Scholarship; \$500, Campbell Crossing Scholarship; \$200, Parent-Teacher-Student Or-

ganization Scholarship.

Chantal Hart, \$8,000 (over four years), APSU Dean's Scholarship; 4500, Heritage Bank Scholarship.

Jessica Jones, \$9,500, Elon University Academic Scholarship.

Brady Jorstad, \$20,000, Cumberland University football scholarship.

Jaemin Ko, \$200, Parent-Teacher-Student Organization Scholarship.

Jasica Malone-Elliott, \$74,000 (over four years), Bellarmine University Scholarship; \$36,000 (over four years), Transylvania University Frederick Douglass Scholarship; \$20,000 (over four years), Transylvania University Crimson Award.

Preston Spade, \$35,000, Universal Technical Institute.

Spencer Stevens, \$18,000 (over four years), Roosevelt University Academic Award; \$500, Hopkinsville Community College.

Corey Terry, \$11,000, Bethel University (Tenn.) football scholarship; \$200, Officers' Spouses Club Scholarship.

Marcus Tucker, \$25,000 Kentucky Wesleyan football scholarship.

Jorge Vera, \$77,200 (over four years), Bellarmine University Scholarship.

Chance Von Dette, \$12,000, Bethel University (Tenn.) football scholarship.

Janell Walls, \$40,000 (over four years), University of Kentucky scholarship.

Seniors earning awards at the FCHS honors night included:

Air Force Math and Science Award: Jessica Jones.

Altrusa Academic Hall of Fame: Jenna Ammerman, Curtice Barrow, Taylor Duplessis, Kenneth Epperson, Maggie Gayler, Chantal Hart, Jessica Jones, Chris Ramos, Tamarah Webb.

Army Scholar Athlete Award: Jenna Ammerman.

Austin Peay State University Honors Program: Chantal Hart.

Berea College Carter B. Woodson Enduring Legacy Award: Curtice Barrow.

DAR Good Citizens Award: Tamarah Webb.

FCHS Service Award Letters: Amber Aganon, Jenna Ammerman, Jenna Carracillo, Becky Cochiolo, Nick Deans, Crystal De Leon, Taylor Duplessis, Kenneth Epperson, Kayleigh Faulkner, Sabrina French, Maggie Gayler, Ethan Gibson, Kaeley Hux, Rayven Jackson, Jessica Jones, Charla Klingsporn, Marissa Laird, Cynthia Martinez, Stephanie McDonald, Kiona Mosier, Chloe Nicholson, Brienna North, Brianna Rochester, Rachel Rushing, Preston Spade, Alyssa Smith, Megan Saint, Corey Terry, Jorge Vera, Brandy Ward, Tamarah Webb.

FCHS Varsity Athletic Award, National Cheerleaders Association: Brian Nelson.

Heart of the Falcon Award (FCHS football): Louis Wallace.

Hope Scholarship: Amber Aganon, D'araAnn Aguon, Jenna Ammerman, Curtice Barrow, Craig Boykin, Treyce Brock, Garrett Brown, Joshua Clifton, Rebecca Cochiolo, Devon Collins, Felicity Cureton, Nicholas Deans, Taylor Duplessis, Garth Ellsworth, Corey England, Kenneth Epperson, Blake Eslinger, Kayleigh Faulkner, Darren Finley, Margaret Gayler, Ethan Gibson, Kaitlin Harstine, Chantal Hart, Rondell Hocker, Tyler Hughes, Jessica Jones, Brady Jorstad, Chelsea Judd, Jaemin Ko, Cierra Laxton, Jasica Malone-Elliott, Cynthia Martinez, Stephanie McDonald, Nicholas Merrell, Amie Montjoy, Kiona Mosier, Chloe Nicholson, Michael Peterson, Carly Purvis, Chris Ramos, Alexander Rinstine, Cody Robison, Dillon Schroeder, Shelby Schroeder, Preston Spade, John Spenard, Spencer Stevens, Justin Swails, Edgar Tejada, Marcus Tucker, Jorge Vera, Chance Von Dette, Jesse Waller, Janell Walls, Tamarah Webb, Grecia White.



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Among the best and brightest in Fort Campbell High School's Class of 2012 are (L-R) Curtice Barrow, who earned a \$30,000 scholarship to Hampton University; Jenna Ammerman, who earned a Presidential Scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University; and Tamarah Webb, who earned the Outstanding Senior Award. FCHS senior awards were announced at the school on May 2.

Kentucky High School Athletics Association: Justin Swails.

Kentucky New Era Regional Academic All-Star Team: Amber Aganon; Jenna Ammerman, \$200, \$100; Taylor Duplessis, \$100; Maggie Gayler, \$100; Ethan Gibson, \$100; Cody Robison, \$200; Spencer Stevens, \$200, \$100; Tamarah Webb, \$600 (overall winner, arts category).

Outstanding Senior Award (\$100 bond from Fort Campbell Bank of America): Tamarah Webb.

Tim Williams Memorial Awards (Laptops for Linemen): Brady Jorstad, Nick Merrill, Martinez Smith, Louis Wallace.

Tyrone Johnson Memorial

Awards (football, laptop computers): Treyce Brock, J.D. Swails, Jaemin Ko, Chance Von Dette.

Tyrone Johnson Memorial Awards (track, laptop computers): Darren Finley, Cierra Laxton, Cynthia Martinez, Preston Spade.

U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Recognition: Cody Robison.

Wendy's High School Heisman Award: Curtice Barrow.

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SPORTS

Falcon baseball improves down home stretch

By ADAM MAY
The Eagle Post

As the regular season comes to a close, it appears the Fort Campbell baseball Falcons are peaking at the right time. The team opened the season winning four of its first five games, and has won seven of its last eight going into yesterday's contest at Crittenden County.

Fort Campbell went into that game on a four-game winning streak, beating Lyon County 8-4 on Monday, having defeated Dawson Springs 16-1 and 8-1 on Thursday and Todd Co. Central 7-2 on Friday.

After some mistakes by Fort Campbell on defense and two Todd Co. Central stolen bases, the Rebels were able to score first in its game Friday night in Elkton in the second inning.

Where past Falcon teams might have become discouraged and allowed mistakes to build on each other, this year's team stormed back in the third inning. Cody Robinson walked, advanced to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch. J.D. Swails

then got on base with a single, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a wild pitch to give his team the lead.

Coty Hix drove in another run later in the inning to give Fort Campbell a 4-1 lead that it would not relinquish. Cyle Jay scored later in the game on an infield error, and Travis Swails had an RBI in the win.

Todd Co. Central loaded the bases against J.D. Swails in the bottom of the seventh, but he got out of the jam while only giving up one run.

For the most part, FCHS head coach Kenny Caver was happy with his team's performance, but was critical of some key errors on the bases.

"We had a lot of mental mistakes on the bases tonight," he said. "We can't do that against better teams. Defensively, we played all right. J.D. threw the ball pretty decent and we fielded the ball. We've got to hit the ball better, though."

Travis Swails and Jay were the winning pitchers against Dawson Springs, and J.D. Swails had three hits in Game 1 of the double-header.

Caver's nephew, Adam



ADAM MAY | The Eagle Post
Fort Campbell batter Nick Merrell picks up a hit against Todd Co. Central this week. The Falcons won seven of its last eight games going into yesterday's game at Crittenden County.

Caver — who is also the son of Falcon football and basketball statistician Donny Caver — was the winning pitcher for Clarksville Northwest against Fort Campbell on May 1.

Fort Campbell entered the final two weeks of the regular

season with a winning record at 14-13, and Caver hopes his team will seize an opportunity.

"We come ready to play and stay focused," he said, "and we can play with anybody."

Going into yesterday's action, Fort Campbell (15-13)

equaled the most overall wins in District 8 and had the greatest difference in wins over losses in the district.

Adam May is the sports editor for The Eagle Post. Reach Adam at amay@theeaglepost.us.

Track teams looking good going into regional

By ADAM MAY
The Eagle Post

In what could be considered preparation for the upcoming regional track meet, Fort Campbell's boys came within a point of winning the Area 1 championship last week in Hopkinsville.

The Falcons finished the meet with 125 points, one less than Paducah Tilghman. Christian County and Hopkinsville finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Jordan Gibbs-Francis won the 400-meter dash in 51.1 seconds, just ahead of Hopkinsville's C.J. Smith.

Josh Clifton set meet records in the 110-meter hur-

dles at 15.71 seconds and in the 300-meter hurdles at 42.09 seconds. Fort Campbell's Khalil Maynard finished second in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Falcons also won the 4-by-400-meter relay in 3 minutes, 33.33 seconds. David Sahms won the pole vault, clearing the bar at a new meet record of 13 feet, 6 inches.

On the girls' side, Fort Campbell's 400-meter relay team took first place with a time of 4:26.75.

Zaria Lambert came in second in the 400-meter dash at 1:03.6, and T'kia Collins was second in the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles. Nia

Gibbs-Francis was second in the high jump at 5 feet, 2 inches.

As a team, the Lady Falcons finished in third place with 78 points, behind Murray's 120 and Marshall County's 123.

Fort Campbell followed that up by performing well in the Henderson County Invitational on Saturday.

The Falcon boys won with 91.5 points and the girls were second with 90, behind Owensboro's 123.

Kelsi Avana and Raven Finley-Flowers were first and second in the 100-meter hurdles, respectively, and the team of Avana, Kara Mouton, Jessicka Tucker and Victoria

Sowards won the 4-by-100-meter relay in 52.5 seconds.

On the boys' side, Khalil Maynard won the 300-meter hurdles in 40.6 seconds, and David Sahms won the pole vault at 13 feet, 6 inches.

Fort Campbell's teams will

be among the favorites Saturday at the 1st Region Class A meet in Benton.

Adam May is the sports editor for The Eagle Post. Reach Adam at amay@theeaglepost.us.

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Softball to close out season with home twinbills

By ADAM MAY

The Eagle Post

A tough first inning did in the Fort Campbell Lady Falcon softball team last week against Trigg County, as it winds down the 2012 season. Fort Campbell fell 15-5 to

the Lady Wildcats in Cadiz on May 1 after Trigg scored 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The bats have continued to be better this season, as the Lady Falcons scored twice in the top of the first inning and three runs in the top of the

third.

Brittany Gossett, Jenna Ammerman and Aliah McPhaul all had singles in the loss.

Fort Campbell will face off with Madisonville-North Hopkins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in a double-header on post. The Lady Falcons

will also host Hopkins Co. Central in a twinbill on post at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Those are the only regular-season games remaining for FCHS.

Trigg Co. 15, Fort Campbell 5 at Cadiz, May 1

FCHS 2 0 3 0 0 5

TCHS 10 3 0 0 2 15

WP - Hallgren (4-1/3 IP, 7 SO, 1 BB). LP- Gossett

Leading Hitters: FCHS—Gossett (1B), Ammerman (1B), Bryant (1B), McPhaul (1B);

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Abimelech approaches Abraham and asks for an explanation. Abraham defended his action by saying that he thought no one in that region would fear God and would likely kill him for his wife. He explained that Sarah was really his half sister.

Abimelech sent Sarah back to Abraham along with many head of cattle and sheep and much silver.

Peace was made and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his slave girls so that they could have children again, for he had closed up their wombs because of Abraham's wife Sarah.

Later there was a conflict between Abraham and Abimelech over a well Abraham had dug. Peace was made and Abraham planted a tree and called upon the name of the Lord.

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things better instead of just complaining about how they were. Those are the real reasons why it's so tragic that early-onset demen-

tia is taking that part away from Pat that makes her Pat. Like so many of you, I've seen what dementia and Alzheimer's can do to the human brain, how it takes someone from vibrant and lively to a person who doesn't recognize anyone. It's slow, painful and frustrating.

I sometimes think some of the lowest life forms on earth are the people who comment on espn.com sports articles. I started coming to that conclusion after reading some of the disrespectful comments made regarding Summitt, her disease and

her legacy. So many people only want to disparage women's sports and say that Summitt's accomplishments don't match those of coaches of men's programs. What if she had been their mother? What if their daughter someday wants to play basketball at a high level? They will have Pat Summitt to thank.

Locally, girls need look no farther than Clarksville native Wilma Rudolph as a woman who inspired other women to participate in sports when the social climate was much different than now. Rudolph was not only an inspiration to females; she was also an inspiration in overcoming infantile paralysis brought on by the polio virus. By the age of 16, she

had overcome all of her ailments and begun starring on the basketball floor and track. In 1960, at the age of 24, she became the fastest woman in the world and won three gold medals at the Summer Olympics in Rome. Rudolph died far too soon in 1994 of cancer and was honored in death with buildings, roadways and days on the calendar being named in her memory. Sadly, far too few people today seem to realize how great her accomplishments and influence were in a totally different time. As you celebrate Mothers Day Sunday, remember pioneers in sports who didn't just talk, they performed. They performed with excellence and class in a time when the stage wasn't what it is now.



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Fort Campbell	1-5	15-13	

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Thursday, May 10
UHA at Lyon County, 5:30 p.m.
Christian Co. at Henderson Co., 6 p.m.
Crittenden Co. at Hopkinsville, 6 p.m.
Friday, May 11
Livingston Cent. at Fort Campbell, 5:30 p.m.
Owensboro at UHA, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 12
Fort Campbell at Comm. Chr. (dh), noon
Hopkinsville at Crittenden Co., 1 p.m.

Monday, May 14
Fort Campbell at Hopkins Co. Central, 5:30 p.m.
Mad.-N. Hopkins at UHA, 5:30 p.m.
Christian Co. at Calloway Co., 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15
Lyon County at Fort Campbell, 5:30 p.m.
Christian Co. at Mad.-N. Hopkins, 5:30 p.m.
Hopkinsville at Calloway County, 5:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 8
*UHA at Christian County Fort Campbell at Crittenden Co.
Monday, May 7
*Christian County 2, at UHA 0
Fort Campbell 8, at Lyon Co. 4
Saturday, May 5
at Christian Co. 11, Daviess Co. 5
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Fort Campbell 7, at Todd Co. Central 2
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Thursday, May 3
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Tuesday, May 1
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Hopkinsville	0-4	5-13	

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Thursday, May 10
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Friday, May 11
McLean Co. at Fort Campbell (dh), 5:30 p.m.
UHA at Frank.-Simp., 5:30 p.m.
(1)Lone Oak at Christian Co., 5:30 p.m.
(1)Hopkinsville vs. St. Mary, 8:30 p.m.
(1)CCHS Lady Colonel Classic
Saturday, May 12
(1)Hopkinsville vs. Union Co., 9 a.m.
(1)Union Co. at Christian Co., 11:30 a.m.
(2)Caldwell Co. at UHA, 8 a.m.
(2)Lyon County at UHA, 2 p.m.
(1)CCHS Lady Colonel Classic
(2)UHA Lady Blazer Invitational
Monday, May 14
Trigg County at UHA, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15
Lyon County at Hopkinsville, 5:30 p.m.
Christian County at Greenwood, 5:30 p.m.
Hopkinsville at Todd Co. Cent., 5:30 p.m.
UHA at Dawson Spgs., 5:30 p.m.

Last Week's Scores
Tuesday, May 8
Livingston Cent. at Christian Co. Hopkinsville at Caldwell County UHA at Murray
Monday, May 7
at Dawson Spgs. 9, Hopkinsville 7
Saturday, May 5
(1)Butler Co. 6, Christian Co. 4
(1)Green Co. 3, Christian Co. 2
(1)Sports Warehouse Catholic Classic, Owensboro
Friday, May 4
Warren East 9, at Hopkinsville 3
(1)Christian County 8, Harrison Co. 0
(1)Christian Co. 3, Muhlenberg Co. 2
(1)Sports Warehouse Catholic Classic, Owensboro
Thursday, May 3
Christian Co. 6, Mad.-N. Hopkins 4 at Hopkins Co. Central 10, Hopkinsville 0 (6 inn.)
Tuesday, May 1
*at Christian Co. 13, Hopkinsville 0 (5 inn.)
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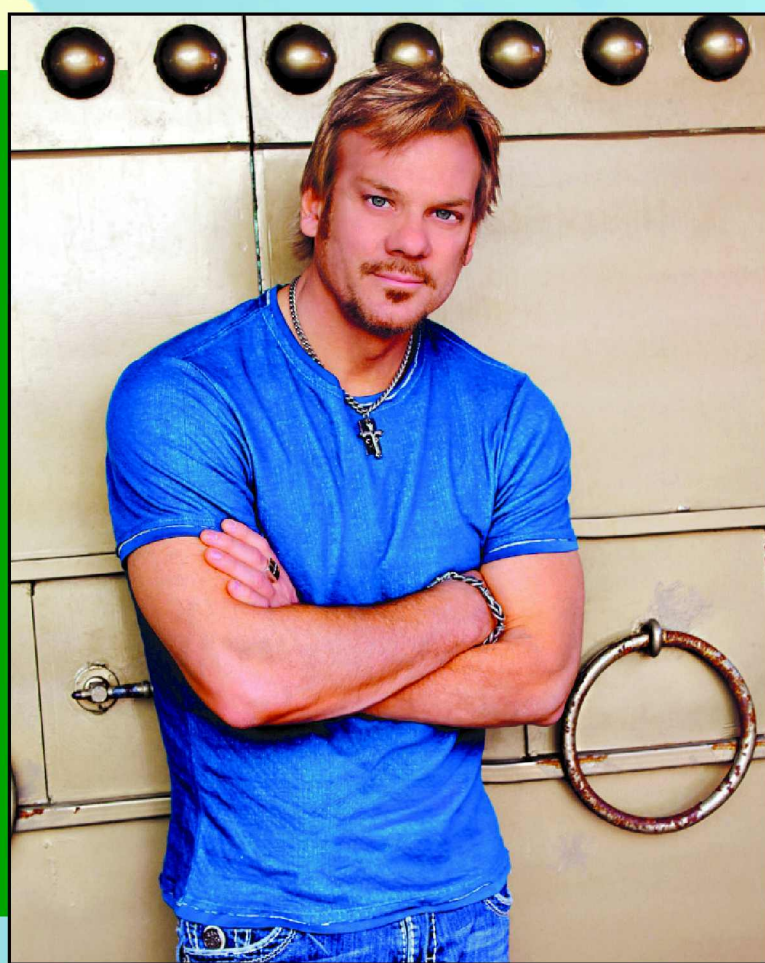
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			1		2	3
4	5			3		6
	6		7	5		
3	8		2	6	4	
	9			1		
2	6		5	9	8	
	2		4		9	
5		6		3	7	
9	1		8			

9	9	7	8	8	2	1	2	6
2	2	8	6	1	9	7	8	9
1	6	8	2	7	9	2	8	9
8	8	6	7	9	2	9	1	2
2	9	1	9	8	8	6	7	2
7	2	9	1	2	6	8	9	8
6	8	9	2	2	7	8	9	1
9	1	2	8	6	8	9	2	7
8	7	2	9	9	1	2	6	8

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1 Singer Perry
5 Radio-emitting star
11 Poet Khayyam
12 Morphine, e.g.
13 Plant pest
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16 Honey bunch
17 Dwelling
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22 Deal maker
24 Madrid museum
26 Stow cargo
27 Tiny particle
28 Luxurious
30 "I surrender!"
31 Easy victim
32 Neighbor of Mars
34 Eastern sight
35 Pupil's place
38 Lady of riding fame
41 Notion
42 Twist of fiction

DOWN

1 Show up
2 Leave out
3 Partnered
4 Raw metal
5 Does some modeling
6 Maintenance
7 Tells tales
8 Shop tool
9 Put away
10 Wine choice
16 Except
18 Wallet bills
19 Fixed, as jeans
20 Revered one
21 Iditarod end
22 Heidi's home
23 Charity affair
25 Crazy talk
29 Blissful place
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